

REMARKS

This Response and Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 21, 2003. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the allowance of Claims 17-25, 27-33, 49-55, 59, 60, 62-70, 72-84, 86-99, 101-107, 109-111, 113-137, 139, 140, 142 and 143 and the indicated allowability of Claims 13, 16, 46, 48 and 112, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to substantially include the limitations of allowable Claim 112 and Claim 34 has been amended to substantially include the limitations of allowable Claim 48.

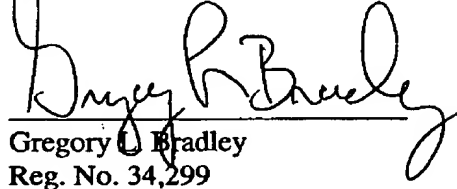
Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4-7, 14, 15, 34, 37, 45 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,246,670 to Haber et al. ("the Haber patent") and/or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Haber patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,789,670 to Rosenwald ("the Rosenwald patent"). This rejection is now moot based on the above-specified amendments to Claims 1 and 34 to include allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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